GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1840
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003
POLLUTION BY COX DISTILLERY
ASHOK KUMAR SINGH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints against Cox Distillery for causing pollution beyond permissible limits in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken / being taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) Government have received complaints regarding pollution caused by discharge of effluents from Cox distillery unit at Naugaon, Madhya Pradesh into nearby water bodies.
(c) Based on the site inspection carried out by a team of scientists during 14 and 15 October, 2003, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board has been asked to implement the recommendations contained in the repot and regularly monitor the progress of the action plan proposed by the industry for the up-gradation of the effluent treatment plant and commissioning of bio-methanation unit.